

# **Town of Gorham**

## **Planning Board Minutes**

### **November 21, 2019**

**Members Present:** Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Michael Waddell (Ex-Officio), Abby Evankow and Dan Buteau

**Members Excused:** Wayne Flynn and Dennis Arguin

**Members Absent:** Barney Valliere, Brian Ruel and Earl McGillicuddy

**Members of the Public:** Tara Bamford and Denise Vallee (TM)

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Chairman Robitaille

**Appointments:** None

**Accept & Approve Minutes of November 14, 2019** – On the request of the secretary with a motion from Abby Evankow and a second from Dan Buteau, the board voted to pass over the minutes.

**Work Session** – The board met with Tara Bamford to continue updating the Master Plan. The board discussed amending the existing contract with Tara to run through 6/30/2020 and to add \$2,000 to the contract in order to continue working on the Master Plan. On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Dan Buteau, all members voted to approve the amended contract. The board reviewed the Implementation Chapter and made adjustments to who is the lead responsibility for each section. The board also discussed developing a Capital Improvements Plan and discussed who would be members of the CIP Committee and who would have responsibility for it.

#### **Code Enforcement Update –**

- 1) Former Gorham Corner Market – CEO Scarinza met with the State Health Inspector for a walk-thru of the building. There is not much that needs to be done and as the change is minimal, no site Plan review will be required.
- 2) Former Rite Aid building – The property has been sold to AVH.
- 3) Salve Regina School – They are ready for their inspection for a final CO which will be done next week. CEO Scarinza is waiting for paperwork from Tim Sappington to finalize this.

#### **New Business –**

Paul attended the TAC meeting. The route 2 upgrade has been moved to the 2023 & 2024 plan and they have added \$4 Mil to fully fund the project. DOT will be contacting the Town for input on bicycle lanes on Route 2. Congresswoman Kuster is proposing a \$38 Billion nationwide bill dedicated to rail improvements and the possibility of passenger service. Some of that money will be dedicated for the Boston, MA to Concord, NH route but also the Portland, ME to Montreal Route.

**Old Business** – None

**Public Comment** – None

**Next Meeting** – The Planning board scheduled its next meeting for December 12, 2019 for a site plan review for Verizon Wireless.

**Adjournment:** On a motion from Abby with a second from Dan, the board voted to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle M. Lutz".

Michelle M. Lutz  
November 26, 2019

Approved December 12, 2019